

## OPINION 1847

### *Diplocentrus mexicanus* Peters, 1861 (Arachnida, Scorpiones): rediscovered holotype confirmed as the name-bearing type

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#### Ruling

- (1) The name-bearing type for *Diplocentrus mexicanus* Peters, 1861 is hereby confirmed as the rediscovered holotype.
- (2) The name *Diplocentrus* Peters, 1861 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Diplocentrus mexicanus* Peters, 1861, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *mexicanus* Peters, 1861, as published in the binomen *Diplocentrus mexicanus* (specific name of the type species of *Diplocentrus* Peters, 1861) and as defined by the holotype (female specimen no. ZMB 74 in the Zoologisches Museum, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), confirmed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

#### History of Case 2914

An application for the rediscovered holotype to be confirmed as the name-bearing type of *Diplocentrus mexicanus* Peters, 1861 was received from Dr W. David Sissom (*West Texas A & M University, Canyon, Texas, U.S.A.*) on 22 November 1993. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 52: 37–39 (March 1995). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

#### Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1996 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 52: 38. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1996 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 23: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Trjapitzin

Negative votes — none.

No vote was received from Halvorsen.

Cogger and Ride were on leave of absence.

#### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Diplocentrus* Peters, 1861, *Monatsberichte der Königlichen Preussischen Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin*, 1861: 512.

*mexicanus*, *Diplocentrus*, Peters, 1861, *Monatsberichte der Königlichen Preussischen Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin*, 1861: 512.